Merlinus Verax:

OR AN

ALMANACK

For the year of Humane Redemption, by *Jesus Christ.* 1670.

Wherein for the whole year round may be found the Moons place, and Change; the variation of the Air; Terms and their returns; Eclipses, Solar Ingresses: with sundry other usefull observations.

Together with the apt significations of the Planets, in the Humors, Constitutions and inclinations of Men, as they happen to be born under them.

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the seventieth Edition.

To things Immortal, Time can do no wrong,
And that which never is to dye, for ever must be young.
Cowly's Encomium on Mr. *Hobbs.*

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A brief and neceſſary Com
putation of YEARS.

Since the Conquest of England by Duke William
Since the Invention of Guns
Since the Art of Printing was Invented
Since the infectious Sweating Sickness
Since the Massacre in France
Since the whole Heavens seemed to burn with Fire
Since the general Earthquake in England
Since the Camp at Tilbury in Essex
Since the Gunpowder Treason
Since the voyage to the Isle of Ree
Since the Duke of Buckingham murthered
Since the plantation began in New England
Since the third part of London-Bridge burnt
Since the Earl of Strafford was beheaded May 12
Since the Irish Rebellion began October 23. 1641.
Since the fight at Edge-hill, Octob. 23. 1642.
Since the fight at Brainford, Nov. 12. 1642.
Since the Scots entred England, Jan. 16.
Since the fight at Newberry
Since Marston moorsight July 2.
Since the great fight at Naseby, June 14. 1645.
Since King Charls was beheaded, January 30.
Since Cromwel made General, June 26
Since Lilburns tryal at Guild Hall Octob. 25.
Since the Scots routed at Dunbar, November 3
Since the great fight at Worcester
Since King Charls 2. returned to London, May 29.
Since King Charls 2. was Crowned, April 23.
Since three blasing Stars appeared
Since the last great plague in London
Since the last fight between the English and Dutch
Since the great fire in London, septem. 3, 4, 5, 6.

A Table to know when the terms begin and end, and the number of their Returns, with the day of the moneth whereon they will be this present year, 1670.

Hillary Term begins the 14 of *January*, and ends the 12 of *February*, and hath 4 Returns, *Viz.*	*Octab. Hillarii*	*January* 21
	Quind. Hillarii	*Jan.* 28
	Craſt. Purif.	*February* 3
	Octab. Purif.	*February* 10
Eaſter Term begins the 20 of *April*, and ends the 16 of *May*, and hath five Returns, *Viz.*	*Quind. Paſchæ*	*April* 18
	Tres Paſchæ	*April* 25
	Menſ. Paſchæ	*May* 2
	Quind. Paſchæ	*May* 9
	Craſt. Aſcenſ.	*May* 16
Trinity Term begins the 3 of *June*, and ends the 22 of *June*, and hath 4 Returns, *Viz.*	*Craſt. Trinit.*	*May* 31
	Octab. Trinit.	*June* 7
	Quind. Trinit.	*June* 14
	Tres Trinit.	*June* 21
Michaelmas Term begins the 4 of *October*, and ends the 28 of *November*, and hath 6 Returns, *Viz.*	*Tres Mich.*	*Octob.* 21
	Menſ. Mich.	*Octob.* 28
	Craſt. Animar.	*Novemb.* 3
	Craſt. Mart.	*Novemb.* 12
	Octab. Mart.	*Novemb.* 19
	Quind. Mart.	*Novemb.* 25

What part the Moon governs in Mans Body, being in any of the Twelve Signs.

♈ Mans *Head* and *Face*, *Heavens Ram* obey;
♉ His *Neck*, the *Neck-strong Bull* doth sway:
♊ Th'arm-twining *Twins* guide *Hands* and *Arms*;
♋ *Breast*, *Sides* and *Stomach*, *Cancer* charms.
♌ The *Lion* rules our *Back* and *Heart*;
♍ *Bowels* and *Belly's Virgo's* part.
♎ *Reins*, *Haunches*, *Navil*, *Libra* friends;
♏ *Bladder* and *Secrets*, *Scorpio* tends.
♐ The *Half-hors'd Baw-man* claims the *Thighs*;
♑ And to the *Kid* our *Knees* suffice.
♒ Our *Legs* are but the *Butlers* Fees
♓ The *Fish* our *Foot-steps* overlees.

January hath xxxj. dayes.

If thou be ſick and help would'ſt have,
The Counſel of the Learned crave:
If thou have health, to keep thee ſo,
Fly idleneſs as deadly foe.

						Sun riſeth at	
1	a	New years day	19	bowels	Moderate kind	8	3
2	b	Oct. Stephen	20	reins	weather to begin	8	2
3	c	Oct. John	21	reins	the year.	8	0
4	d	Oct. Innocents	22	reins		7	59
5	e	Simeon	23	ſecrets	Laſt quarter the 9	7	58
6	f	Twelfth day.	24	ſecrets	A M.	7	57
7	g	Julian	25	thighs	fine brisk winds	7	55
8	a	Ethardus	26	thighs	now, with ſeaſon-	7	54
9	b	1. p. Epiph.	27	knees	able froſty wea-	7	53
10	c	Paul erem.	28	knees	ther.	7	51
11	d	Higinus	29	legs	New Moon the 11	7	50
12	e	Sextus	1	legs	day at 2 after-	7	48
13	f	Hillary	2	feet	noon.	7	47
14	g	Felix	3	feet	an alteration as if	7	45
15	a	Maurice	4	head	inclined to moi-	7	44
16	b	2. p. Epiph.	5	head	ſture.	7	42
17	c	Antonius	6	head	Firſt quarter the	7	40
18	d	Priſca Virg.	7	neck	18 day at 5 in the	7	39
19	e	Pontianus	8	neck	morning.	7	37
20	f	Fab. & Seb.	9	arms	generally wet and	7	35
21	g	Agnes Virg.	10	arms	turbulent weather.	7	34
22	a	Vincent.	11	breaſt		7	32
23	b	3. p. Epiph.	12	breaſt		7	30
24	c	Term begins.	13	breaſt		7	28
25	d	Converſ. S. Paul	14	heart	Full Moon the 25	7	27
26	e	Policarp.	15	heart	day at 8 at night.	7	25
27	f	Chryſoſt.	16	bowels	this quarter as tur-	7	23
28	g	Julian.	17	bowels	bulent as the laſt.	7	21
29	a	Valerius	18	bowels		7	19
30	b	King Charles M.	19	reins		7	17
31	c	Saturn.	20	reins		7	15

February hath xxviij. dayes.

Be choice of food in any wise;
To keep thee warm also precise.
Beware no Surgeon let thee blood,
Unless the Learned think it good.

Sun ciseth at

1	D	Bridget	11	secrets	somewhat rough and violent air.	7	13
2	E	Candlemas.	12	secrets		7	11
3	F	Blase	13	secrets	Last quarter the 13 day at 3 morning.	7	9
4	G	Gilbert.	14	thighs		7	8
5	A	Agatha	15	thighs	windy, and apt to freeze.	7	6
6	B	Sexagesim.	16	knees		7	4
7	C	Perpetua	17	knees		7	3
8	D	Salome	18	legs		7	1
9	E	Apolonia	19	legs	New Moon the 9 day at midnight.	7	0
10	F	Scholastica.	1	feet		6	58
11	G	Euphrasia.	2	feet	gentle and moderate air agreeable to the season.	6	56
12	A	Term ends.	3	head		6	54
13	B	Quinquages.	4	head		6	52
14	C	Valentine	5	neck		6	50
15	D	Faustine	6	neck		6	47
16	E	Julian	7	arms	First quarter the 16 day at 5 afternoon.	6	45
17	F	Hugo	8	arms		6	43
18	G	Concord.	9	breast		6	41
19	A	Romanus.	10	breast	continuing moderate, yet sometimes offering rain.	6	39
20	B	Quadrages.	11	breast		6	37
21	C	Cimbert.	12	heart		6	34
22	D	Shrove Tuesday.	13	heart		6	32
23	E	Ember week	14	bowels		6	30
24	F	S. Matthias Apost.	15	bowels	Full Moon the 24 day at 6 afternoon stormy and tempestuous weather.	6	28
25	G	Nicefora.	16	bowels		6	26
26	A	Victorin.	17	reins		6	24
27	B	Augustine	18	reins		6	22
28	C	Oswald.	19	secrets		6	20

March hath xxxj. dayes.

ow Bleed and Bathe if thou desire, And Purge also if need require: humors do in many breed, Provide in time before thou need.						Sun riseth at	
	B	David.	20	secrets	high and lofty	6	18
	c	Chad	21	secrets	winds.	6	16
	f	Maurice	22	thighs		6	14
	g	Adrian.	23	thighs	Last quarter the 4	6	12
	a	Eusebius	24	knees	day at 5 afternoon,	6	10
	b	3 Sunday in Lent	25	knees	very blustering	6	8
	c	Aquinas.	26	legs	weather now, with	6	6
	d	40 Martyrs.	27	legs	storms of rain.	6	4
	e	Francisca R.	28	feet		6	2
	f	Equinox	29	feet		6	0
	g	Quirinus.	30	head	New Moon the 11	5	58
	a	Gregory	1	head	day at 9 morning.	5	56
	b	Mid-Lent Sunday.	2	neck	this quarter like	5	54
	c	Candid.	3	neck	the last for the	5	52
	d	Longinus.	4	arms	most part.	5	50
	e	Boniface.	5	arms		5	48
	f	S. Patrick.	6	arms		5	46
	g	Edward	7	breast	First quarter the	5	44
	a	Joseph.	8	breast	18 day at 7 morn-	5	42
	b	5 Sunday in Lent.	9	heart	ing.	5	40
	c	Benedict.	10	heart	mutable and un-	5	38
	d	Paulinus.	11	heart	certain to the end	5	36
	e	Theodorus	12	bowels	of the moneth.	5	34
	f	Agapitus	13	bowels		5	32
	g	Lady-day.	14	reins		5	30
	a	Castor	15	reins	Full Moon the 26	5	28
	b	Palm Sunday.	16	reins	day at 11 before	5	26
	c	Fremund	17	secrets	noon.	5	24
	d	Quintine.	18	secrets	March ends indif-	5	21
	e	Guido	19	thighs	ferently well.	5	20
	f	Ideline.	20	thighs		5	18

April hath xxx. dayes.

Now wholſome bathes thou maiſt frequent,
Let blood alſo, and not repent:
Thoſe be good means thee to defend
from griefs, the which on thee attend.

						Sun riſeth at
1	g	Theodor.	21	knees		5 16
2	a	Mary Egypt.	22	knees	Laſt quarter the 2	5 14
3	b	Eaſter day.	23	knees	day at 3 morning.	5 12
4	c	Ambroſe.	24	legs	from the begin-	5 10
5	d	Martian.	25	legs	ning till the New	5 8
6	e	Sixtus.	26	feet	Moon, high winds	5 6
7	f	Euphemia.	27	feet	and dropping	5 4
8	g	Perpetuus.	28	head	ſhowers.	5 2
9	a	Friſtan.	29	head		5 0
10	b	Eſchilus.	1	neck	New Moon the 9	4 58
11	c	Leo.	2	neck	day at 6 evening.	4 56
12	d	Julius	3	arms	Inclined to mo-	4 55
13	e	Juſtine	4	arms	ſtuus moſt of this	4 53
14	f	Tiburtius.	5	breaſt	quarter.	4 51
15	g	Olympus	6	breaſt		4 49
16	a	Irenæus	7	heart	Firſt quarter the	4 47
17	b	Valerian	8	heart	16 day at 11 at	4 45
18	c	Oſwin.	9	heart	night.	4 44
19	d	Ormond	10	bowels	very curious and	4 42
20	e	Term begins.	11	bowels	pleaſant air for-	4 40
21	f	Simeon	12	reins	warding the ſpring	4 38
22	g	Soter.	13	reins		4 36
23	a	St. George.	14	thins		4 34
24	b	Adelberg	15	ſecrets		4 33
25	c	St. Mark. Evang.	16	ſecrets	Full Moon the 23	4 31
26	d	Clarus	17	thighs	at 2 two morning	4 29
27	e	Anaſtaſius	18	thighs	windy, yet hot and	4 27
28	f	Vitalis	19	thighs	cloſe air.	4 26
29	g	Peter Martyr	20	knees		4 24
30	a	Katherine S.	21	knees		4 22

May hath xxxj. dayes.

Rise early now this moneth of May,
And walk the Fields that be so gay;
From surfeiting see thou refrain,
For soon it will procure thy pain.

						Sun riseth at	
1	♍	S. Phil. & S. Jac.	22	legs		4	21
2	♎	Athanasius.	23	legs	Last quarter the 2	4	20
3	♎	Invent. Cross.	24	feet	day at 10 morn-	4	18
4	♎	Florianus	25	feet	ing.	4	17
5	♏	Goddard	26	head	curious air with	4	15
6	♏	Jo. Port. lat.	27	head	gentle and plea-	4	14
7	♐	Beverly.	28	neck	sant winds all this	4	12
8	♍	Stanislaus	29	neck	quarter.	4	11
9	♑	Nicholas.	1	arms	New Moon the 9	4	10
10	♑	Simeon	2	arms	day at 3 morning.	4	8
11	♑	Mamertius	3	breast	the serenity of the	4	7
12	♑	Holy-Thursday.	4	breast	last quarter turn'd	4	6
13	♒	Servatius	5	breast	to showers here.	4	4
14	♒	Boniface.	6	heart		4	3
15	♍	Peregrine.	7	heart		4	2
16	♓	Termends.	8	bowels	First quarter the	4	1
17	♓	Potencia	9	bowels	16 day at 4 After-	3	59
18	♓	Sarah	10	bowels	noon.	3	58
19	♓	Bernard	11	reins	moderate good air	3	57
20	♈	Ethelbert.	12	reins	again, till the full	3	56
21	♈	Urbanus	13	secrets	moon.	3	55
22	♍	Whitsunday.	14	secrets		3	54
23	♉	Donatus	15	secrets		3	53
24	♉	Desiderius.	16	thighs	Full Moon the 24	3	52
25	♉	Urban	17	thighs	day at 9 afternoon	3	51
26	♉	Dioscorides	18	knees	holding pleasant	3	51
27	♊	Beda.	19	knees	to the end of the	3	50
28	♊	German.	20	legs	moneth.	3	49
29	♍	K. Ch. 2. Nat. Ret.	21	legs	Last quarter the	3	48
30	♊	Felix	22	feet	31 day at 3 after-	3	48
31	♊	Petronilla	23	feet	noon.	3	48

June hath xxx. dayes.

Drink new or ſweet, taſt not at all ;
For thereby grows no danger ſmall :
And to thy ſelf ſuch Paſtime take,
As may in God thee merry make.

1	E	Pamphilus	24	head	a good air at the	3	48
2	f	Marcelline.	25	head	beginning for-	3	47
3	g	Term begins.	26	neck	warding the hay	3	47
4	a	Petronius.	27	neck	harveſt.	3	46
5	b	1 p. Trin.	28	neck		3	46
6	c	Norbert	29	arms		3	46
7	d	Wolſtan.	30	arms	New Moon the 7	3	45
8	e	Medard	1	breaſt	day at noon.	3	45
9	f	Edmond R.	2	breaſt	likely to be thun	3	45
10	g	Onophrius.	3	heart	der and lightning	3	45
11	a	S. Barnabas	4	heart	in this quarter,	3	45
12	b	2 p. Trin.	5	heart	with rain.	3	45
13	c	Anthony	6	bowels		3	45
14	d	Eliſeus.	7	bowels		3	45
15	e	Vitus	8	reins	Firſt quarter the	3	45
16	f	Rowland.	9	reins	15 day 10 morn	3	45
17	g	Botolph.	10	reins	ing.	3	45
18	a	Marcellian.	11	ſecrets	a very hot air, yet	3	46
19	b	3 p. Trin.	12	ſecrets	pleaſant and cleer.	3	46
20	c	Edward.	13	thighs		3	46
21	d	Walburg.	14	thighs		3	46
22	e	Term ends.	15	knees		3	47
23	f	Etheldred.	16	knees	Full Moon the 22	3	47
24	g	S. John Baptiſt.	17	legs	day at 2 morning.	3	48
25	a	Amphibalus	18	legs	ſtormy and unex-	3	48
26	b	4 p. Trin.	19	feet	pected ſhowers of	3	48
27	c	Levinus	20	feet	rain.	3	50
28	d	Leo.	21	feet	Laſt quarter the	3	51
29	e	Peter and Paul	22	head	29 day at 8 at	3	52
30	f	Com. Paul.	23	c d	night.	3	53

July hath xxxj. dayes.

Perfume thy houſe with ſavours ſweet,
But ſuch as are for purpoſe meet.
Abroad as thou in ſtreets doſt go,
Defend thy ſelf from ſtink alſo.

						Sun riſeth at
1	g	Theobaldus.	24	neck	a windy begin-	3 55
2	a	Viſit. Mary.	25	neck	ning, with ſome	3 56
3	b	5 p. Trin.	26	arms	gentle ſhowers, but	3 57
4	c	Anſelm.	27	arms	not much.	3 58
5	d	Martha	28	breaſt		3 59
6	e	Hector	29	breaſt		4 0
7	f	Demetrius	1	heart	New Moon the 7	4 1
8	g	Chillanus.	2	heart	day at 1 morning.	4 2
9	a	Cyrillus	3	heart	curious pleaſant	4 3
10	b	6 p. Trin.	4	bowels	air the moſt of this	4 4
11	c	Pius.	5	bowels	quarter very hot.	4 5
12	d	Proclus.	6	reins		4 6
13	e	Margaret.	7	reins		4 7
14	f	Bonavent.	8	reins		4 8
15	g	Swithin.	9	ſecrets	Firſt quarter the	4 10
16	a	Oſmond.	10	ſecrets	15 day at 2 morn-	4 11
17	b	7 p. Trin.	11	thighs	ing ſudden ſtorms	4 12
18	c	Roſina.	12	thighs	of rain, with an	4 14
19	d	Dog dayes begin	13	thighs	abatement of heat.	4 16
20	e	Elias	14	knees		4 17
21	f	Daniel.	15	knees		4 19
22	g	Mary Mag.	16	legs	Full Moon the 22	4 20
23	a	Apollin.	17	legs	day at 10 morn-	4 22
24	b	8 p. Trin.	18	feet	ing.	4 23
25	c	S. James Apoſt.	19	feet	curious halcyon	4 24
26	d	Anna	20	head	weather, continues	4 25
27	e	Martha	21	head	to the end.	4 26
28	f	Pantalon.	22	neck		4 27
29	g	Beatrix.	23	neck	Laſt quarter the	4 29
30	a	Abdon.	24	arms	29 day at 2 morn	4 31
31	b	9 p. Trin.	25	arms	ing.	4 33

Auguſt hath xxxj. dayes.

As burning heat will thee deſtroy,
So ſhivering cold will thee annoy:
Let little ſleep thee now content,
Purge not, nor bleed, leſt thou repent.

							Sun riſeth	
1	c	Lammas day.	26	breaſt	Pleaſant ſweet air	4	5	
2	d	Invent. Stev.	27	breaſt	at the beginning	4	37	
3	e	Dominick	28	breaſt		4	39	
4	f	Juſtin.	29	heart		4	41	
5	g	Feſtum Nivis	1	heart	New Moon the	4	43	
6	a	Sixtus	2	bowels	day at 2 afternoon	4	45	
7	b	10 p. Trin.	3	bowels	curious gentle fan-	4	47	
8	c	Cyriacus	4	bowels	ning winds allay-	4	48	
9	d	Auguſtus	5	reins	ing the extream	4	50	
10	e	Laurence	6	reins	heat.	4	52	
11	f	Tiburtius	7	ſecrets		4	54	
12	g	Clare Virg.	8	ſecrets		4	56	
13	a	Hippolitus	9	ſecrets	Firſt quarter the	4	58	
14	b	11 p. Trin.	10	thighs	13 day at 6 after-	5	0	
15	c	Aſſumpt. Mar.	11	thighs	noon.	5	1	
16	d	Roch.	12	knees	great ſtorms of	5	3	
17	e	Jerome.	13	knees	wind and rain, a	5	5	
18	f	Hellen.	14	legs	little unwelcome.	5	7	
19	g	Sebaldus	15	legs		5	8	
20	a	Athanaſius	16	feet	Full Moon the 20	5	10	
21	b	12 p. Trin.	17	feet	day at 6 afternoon.	5	12	
22	c	Zacharus	18	head	the rain falleth the	5	14	
23	d	Timothy.	19	head	waters much to the	5	16	
24	e	S. Barthol. Apoſt.	20	neck	harveſt damage.	5	18	
25	f	Lewis	21	neck		5	20	
26	g	Severine.	22	arms		5	22	
27	a	Dog dayes end.	23	arms	Laſt quarter the	5	24	
28	b	13 p. Trin.	24	arms	27 day at	5	26	
29	c	Decol. J. Bapt.	25	breaſt	morning.	5	28	
30	d	Felix.	26	breaſt	good weather ends	5	30	
31	e	Paulinus	27	heart	the moneth.	5	32	

September hath xxx. dayes.

Raw Fruit (though ripe) may ſickneſs bring,
Unripe to eat, a dangerous thing.
If thou a ſurfeit now doſt take,
When others ſleep, then thou muſt wake.

						Sun riſeth at
1	f	Giles.	27	heart	good and gentle	5 35
2	g	Veronica.	28	bowels	weather.	5 37
3	a	Gregory.	29	bowels		5 40
4	b	14 p. Trin.	30	bowels	New Moon the 4	5 42
5	c	Zacharius.	1	reins	day 6 morning.	5 44
6	d	Magnus.	2	reins	ſome winds bu-	5 46
7	e	Regina.	3	ſecrets	ſling, bringing	5 48
8	f	Nat. Mary.	4	ſecrets	rain, and flying	5 50
9	g	Gorgonius.	5	ſecrets	clouds.	5 52
10	a	Silvius	6	thighs		5 54
11	b	15 p. Trin.	7	thighs		5 56
12	c	Eanſwide	8	knees	Firſt quarter the	5 58
13	d	Macrobius	9	knees	12 day at 8 morn-	6 0
14	e	Holy Croſs.	10	knees	ing.	6 2
15	f	Nicomede.	11	legs	ſomewhat a moiſt	6 4
16	g	Epheme.	12	legs	ſeaſon with winds	6 6
17	a	Lampert.	13	feet	from the weſt.	6 8
18	b	16 p. Trin.	14	feet		6 10
19	c	Januarius.	15	head	Full Moon the 19	6 12
20	d	Euſtachius	16	head	day at 3 morning.	6 14
21	e	S. Matt. Apoſt.	17	neck	good air ſtirring the	6 16
22	f	Maurice.	18	neck	ſeaſon.	6 18
23	g	Joel.	19	arms		6 20
24	a	Samuel.	20	arms		6 22
25	b	17 p. Trin.	21	breaſt	Laſt quarter the	6 24
26	c	Ciprian.	22	breaſt	25 day at 9 at	6 26
27	d	Judith.	23	heart	night.	6 28
28	e	Wenceſlaus	24	heart	moderate air ends	6 30
29	f	S. Michael Arch.	25	bowels	the moneth.	6 32
30	g	Jerome.	26	bowels		6 34

October hath xxxj. dayes.

Warm cloaths must now provided be,
Also warm meats be good for thee:
Have good regard thy feet be dry,
Thou shalt avoid much harm thereby.

						Sun riseth at
1	♎	Remigius.	27	bowels	windy and rainy	6 36
2	♎	18 p. Trin.	28	reins	weather.	6 38
3	c	Maximinian.	29	reins	New Moon the 3	6 40
4	d	Francis.	1	reins	day at 11 at night	6 42
5	e	Placidus.	2	secrets	indifferent mode-	6 44
6	f	Faith Virg.	3	secrets	rate at the begin-	6 46
7	g	Sirgius.	4	thighs	ning of the Moon.	6 48
8	a	Pelagia.	5	thighs		6 50
9	♎	19 p. Trin.	6	thighs		6 52
10	c	Gideon	7	knees		6 54
11	d	Burchar	8	knees	Frist quarter the	6 56
12	e	Colman	9	legs	11 day at 8 at	6 58
13	f	Edward.	10	legs	night.	7 0
14	g	Calixtus	11	feet	warm air at this	7 2
15	a	Hedwig.	12	feet	time of the year,	7 3
16	♎	20 p. Trin.	13	head	but wet.	7 5
17	c	Florentius	14	head		7 7
18	d	S. Luke Evang	15	neck	Full Moon the 18	7 9
19	e	Ptolemi.	16	neck	day at noon.	7 11
20	f	Edmond K.	17	arms	some what of the	7 13
21	g	Ursula.	18	arms	heat abated, with	7 15
22	a	Cordula.	19	breast	white clouds.	7 17
23	♎	21 p. Trin.	20	breast		7 19
24	♑	Term begins.	21	breast		7 21
25	♑	Gaudent.	22	heart	Last quarter the	7 22
26	c	Amandus	23	heart	25 day at noon	7 24
27	d	Capitoline	24	bowels	wet, windy and	7 26
28	e	S. Simon & Jude.	25	bowels	close are ends the	7 28
29	f	Narcissus	26	reins	moneth.	7 30
30	♎	22 p Trin.	27	reins		7 32
31	g	Wolfgang.	28	reins		7 33

November hath xxx. dayes.

If Rheums do now moleſt thy head,
It is not ill to ſweat in Bed:
Feed on good meats if ſtomach ſerve,
Elſe ſeek for that which doth preſerve.

						Sun riſeth at
1	D	All Saints.	29	ſecrets		7 35
2	E	All Souls.	30	ſecrets	New Moon the 2	7 36
3	F	Theophilus	31	thighs	day at 5 afternoon.	7 38
4	G	Modeſtius	1	thighs	ſomewhat windy	7 39
5	A	Powder plot.	3	thighs	and contradictory	7 41
6	B	23 p. Trin.	4	knees	air at the begin-	7 43
7	C	Florentius	5	knees	ing, with ſome	7 44
8	D	Claudius.	6	legs	rain.	7 45
9	E	Theodore.	7	legs		7 46
10	F	Triphon.	8	feet	Firſt quarter the	7 48
11	G	Martin.	9	feet	10 day at 6 morn-	7 49
12	A	Ludowic.	10	feet	ing.	7 51
13	B	24 p. Trin.	11	head	meteors now fly in	7 53
14	C	Frederick	12	head	the air, and clouds	7 55
15	D	Leopaldus.	13	neck	look fiery.	7 57
16	E	Othmar	14	neck	Full Moon the 16	7 59
17	F	Hugo	15	arms	day at 11 at night.	8 1
18	G	Gelaſias	16	arms	moderate gentle	8 2
19	A	K Charles I born.	17	breaſt	air all this quar-	8 3
20	B	25 p. Trin.	18	breaſt	ter, poſſibly ſome	8 4
21	C	Preſ Mar.	19	heart	fine froſts	8 5
22	D	Cicely.	20	heart		8 6
23	E	Clement.	21	bowels		8 7
24	F	Chryſog.	22	bowels	Laſt quarter the	8 8
25	G	Katherine.	23	bowels	24 day at 8 morn-	8 9
26	A	Conrade.	24	reins	ing.	8 10
27	B	26 p. Trin.	25	reins	notable ſtorms of	8 10
28	C	Term ends.	26	ſecrets	rain, and very	8 11
29	D	Saturnius.	27	ſecrets	brisk winds.	8 11
30	E	S. Andrew Apoſt.	28	ſecrets		8 12

December hath xxxj. dayes.

Now Cold December is come in,
And Poor mans back is clothed Thin;
Feed and Cloth them as you may,
The Lord will it three-fold repay.

						Sun riseth at
1	f	Egidius.	29	thighs		8 12
2	g	Libanus.	1	thighs	New Moon the 2	8 12
3	a	Lucius.	2	knees	day at 10 morn-	8 13
4	b	2 Advent Sunday	3	knees	ing.	8 13
5	c	Saba.	4	legs	windy wet and	8 14
6	d	Nicholas.	5	legs	stormy cold air, all	8 14
7	e	Agathon.	6	legs	this quarter.	8 15
8	f	Conc. of Mary.	7	feet		8 15
9	g	Ciprian.	8	feet	First quarter the 9	8 15
10	a	Joachim	9	head	day at 3 after-	8 15
11	b	3 Advent Sunday	10	head	noon.	8 15
12	c	Epimachius.	11	neck	nimble winds, and	8 15
13	d	Lucie virg.	12	neck	some appearance	8 15
14	e	Ember week	13	arms	of frost.	8 15
15	f	Valerian.	14	arms		8 15
16	g	O Sapientia.	15	breast	Full Moon the 16	8 14
17	a	Ananias.	16	breast	day at 11. morn-	8 14
18	b	4 Advent Sunday	17	heart	ing.	8 14
19	c	Christopher.	18	heart	this quarter to ne-	8 14
20	d	Julian.	19	heart	what like the last	8 13
21	e	S. Thomas Apost.	20	bowels		8 13
22	f	Theodote	21	bowels		8 12
23	g	Victor Virg.	22	reins		8 11
24	a	Adam and Eve.	23	reins	Last quarter the	8 11
25	b	Christs Birth.	24	reins	24 day at 5 in the	8 10
26	c	S. Stephen.	25	secrets	morning.	8 9
27	d	S. John Evang.	26	secrets	ill weather all	8 8
28	e	S. Innocents.	27	thighs	Christmas, we	8 7
29	f	Thomas Becket.	28	thighs	and windy, and	8 6
30	g	David.	29	thighs	moist air ends the	8 5
31	a	Silvester.	30	knees	year.	8 4

NEVE, 1670.

A Prognostication for the Year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 1670.

Shewing the grounds of the alterations of the several seasons of the Year; Eclipses, the Suns ingress into the four grand cardinal points of Heaven.

With the significations of the Seaven erratique Stars, as they respect the various inclinations and dispositions of the Sons of men, being born under them,

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Sapiens dominabitur astris.

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A Judgement or Prognostication or the Year, 1670.

1. Of the four grand Seasons of the Year beginning with the Spring.

AStrologers, not without very good reason, do always begin their annual judgements from the Sun his entrance into *Aries*, the first and cheif sign of the Zodiack: because, he who is the worlds eye, and chief moderator of all things in Nature, as well in the spangled firmament, as upon this opacous star the earth which we inhabite and live on) hath now, like a Gyant (as the Kingly Psalmist calleth him) run his race, and finished his revolution, Gradatim] through the 12 Zodiacal constellations. And begins at his Vernal Equinox to renew his annual kindness unto us, by affording us more of his refreshing Beams, then he could emit us in his declining state; making least portion of shadow, and greatest of Sun-shine with us in this northern Hemisphear.

This glorious time this year beginneth on *March 9th* day, *17th h. 3 m. P. M.* according to Mr. *Wings* calculation, but according to Mr. *Gadburys Tables* it commenceth somewhat later, viz. on *March 9th*, *17 h. 17 m. Post Meredian*, by the first of these, ♈ 27 ascends by the later as in the following Figure.

Herein the double body'd sign *Pisces* doth ascend the Horoscope, and *Jupiter* the Lord thereof is on his exaltation, [tis true] but in the fifth house, as if the souls and minds of men, (in this year) would be so far set upon pleasure, that they neglect more weighty and eminent matters, thereby being to themselves much damage and trouble; as also to their kindred and relations Indeed if ♃ *Jupiter* did not dispose of him *Saturn*, and cast a △ *Trine* unto him there, I should be apt to conceive he would do as much mischief by his position on the Ascendant this year, as he did some few years since, when he was (in the vernal figure) posited in the opposite angle, *viz.* The seaventh House. But I hope the position of ♃ and his happy △ unto , will allay much of the ill that that position portends. How

However we must allow it to be a sullen, surly, dogged, morose year, and people will be snapping and snarling, and envyously plotting and contriving injuries one upon and against another, neighbors against neighbors, Relations against Relations, &c. and such like actions may end at the Law, and I am afraid fiercely without it, so resolvedly implacable and malitious doth *Saturns* position make men. As we see it in other things experienced, viz. That ♄ in the Ascendant of a nativity, always renders a man envious, obstinate, wilfull, slow, timorous, insociable, &c. And in a decumbiture so placed, the sickness is so stubborn and rebellious that it often putteth nature to the rout, as any Physitian can acquaint you that observes these things. In a figure of ♄ in the ascendant shews continued and irreconcilable brawls between the parties married, they never live quietly, perhaps perfectly hate one another all their lives. And if it be thus in all these things, viz. a Nativity, a decumbiture, a marriage, what assurance have I, that it shall not thus fall out in a quarterly ingress too.

Yet I must needs say also, that if the comminalty could lay their animosities aside, the other positions of this Year, shews much advantage to them, for ♀ in the second house, in ✶ ♄, and in ✶ and reception of the ☽ intimates it a plentiful year in all respects; that they shall have good returns of their labours, and their industry will prosper, could they (I say) but shake hands with malice and envy, and bid them adieu, and why may not this be done? We say a wise man may rule the stars, and that they at most can but incline, they do not compel, or necessitate to any kind of evil.

The Stars are causes, but cannot compel.
Their forces may be resisted if you will.

But

But then in this age are too brutish of Nature, to hearken to the Doctrine of grace, and so come to make Astrology certain and true, which otherwise would be but conjectural only, but I am not to act the part of a divine, and shall therefore proceed.

This Spring season is naturally hot and moist, and the most temperate and equal time of the Year. It is an admirable time for removing Sickness, and distempers formerly gotten as also to prevent such as may now happen: for at this time the spirits of men and other creatures are quickned and revived, and therefore the humours which abound, and are the most ready to oppress nature, are fit to be emptyed and avoided, either by Phlebotomy, Purging, or otherwise, as the learned Physitian shall advise; and as the cause of the disease shall require, such persons therefore that are diseased let them not neglect to make use of this time, I need not tell you what diseases are appropriate to this Quarter, 'twil be time enough to know them when they come. But let them be what they will, and never so dangerous, do thou first depend on God, and next thy Physitian.

For, —— *Infections from the Stars may fall*
But God above can stay them all.

2. Of the Summer Season.

Many learned persons are pleased to esteem Summer to be the third part of the year, but those are such as conceive the year begin at the Winter Solstice. But I place it here in the second part of the year, and (as before) do affirm the year to begin at the Spring.

This quarter beginneth always when the Sun toucheth the first scruple of the tropical sign *Cancer*, and this year happeneth on *June* the tenth day, 19 h. 49 m. afternoon. Those that please may set the figure thereof,

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as they may easily do, if they have but an Ephemeris
of this present year, or little else, and therefore
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on still more and more, until the Summer Solstice, which made the longest day and shortest night, so now the night by increasing from the Æstival Solstice to the entrance of the Sun into *Libra*, hath gotten to be equal with the day, and will increase more and more, until the Brumal or Hyemnal quarter begin again, at which time the night will then be longest, and day the shortest.

Inconstant and variable is this season, in the day time inclined to warmth, and in the night time to coldness because the Sun goes now very far below our Horison and leaves us the more destitute of his refreshing rayes.

This quarter, as *Hypocrates* wisely saith, by reason of its unequal temperature, may properly be stiled the mother or nurse of all deadly sicknesses. And that other oracle of physick, the famous *Gallen* saith, that this time of the year is very dangerous and pernicious to fall sick in, because diseases now so commonly terminate in death.

Thus will the Stars if God ascent
Whose power alone can all prevent.

And so I come to consider of the fourth and last part of the Year, which is called Winter.

4. *Of the Brumal or Winter Quarter.*

The Winter Solstice always begins where the Autumnal equinox ends, viz. at the Suns approach to the first scruple of *Capricorn*, at which time he hath recovered his greatest Southern declination from the ecliptique, so that by reason of his tortuous ascent above our Horison, he seemingly now ariseth in the South-East quarter and setteth in the South-West. The Sun is (indeed) removed so far from our Zenith or vertical point, that he cannot decline any further, but here remeth to stand at a stay, making to us the shortest days

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and longest nights in the whole year, but coming nearer and nearer unto us, maketh lesser portion of shadow and greater quantity of Sunshine, until he become the beginning of *Aries* again, when making another Spring, he also makes equality again of days and nights.

This Season is the greatest enemy to the *Spring* that can be, it is the disgrace of Summer, and the devour of the pleasant Harvest. It is naturally cold and moist, and therefore unpleasant to *Travellers* by Land, as Voyagers by Sea, and unto aged persons it is very noxious and troublesome, causing superfluities of raw humours, and abundance of cold and moisture to overflow their bodies to their great greif and disquiet of mind.

It begins this year on *December* the 11 day, about 11 a clock in the morning. *Aquarius* is then ascending, and *Saturn* is in the ascendant as he was in the vernal ingress and threatens a cold and sharp Winter, with great and tedious snows and frosts. Much damage both at Land and Sea. All sorts of Grain rises in its price, and *Newcastle Coals* will not be behind. And possibly (however the vulgar suffer) Many Mony'd Merchants, may and will get as much by such commodities, as *Thales* once by *Olaves*. and so I end my discourse of quarterly ingresses.

Of the Eclipses that happen this Year, 1670.

The Inhabitants of this terrene Star may this year observe 4 Eclipses of the two great Luminarys of Heaven, viz. two of the Sun, and two of the Moon, but there will be but one of them visible in our Horison, and that will be of the Moon, but I shall mention them in the order they happen.

The first will be a partil Eclipse of the Moon, upon the

the 21 day of *March*, about 11 a clock in the morning will be seen of our Antipodes, and in the *Peruvian Ocean*, in *California*, *Florida*, *Mexicana*, *Ilands De la Drones*, *Los Mongos*, *La Veniza*, &c. and to many other places adjoyning, as may be seen upon the Globe too long for me to mention here.

The second will be an Eclipse of the Sun (partial also) upon the 9 day of *April*, just about the time of his setting, and will be visible to the inhabitants of the North-west parts of the World, viz. About *Estotiland*, *Mexico*, *Francia*, &c.

The third is an Eclipse of the Moon upon Sunday the eighteenth of *September*, about thirteen hours afternoon or one a Clock on the Monday Morning, it is this Eclipse will be visible at *London* it happens in six degrees of *Aries*, a watry body eclipsed in a fiery sign. I care not greatly if I give you the beginning, duration, and end of this Eclipse, and possibly that may be useful to the Country Astronomer.

		H	M	D
	Middle time of the true ☍ Sep. 18	14	40	11
The	Beginning of the Eclipse	13	17	58
	True opposition of the Lights	14	39	34
	Middle of the Eclipse	14	44	18
	End of the Eclipse	16	11	38
	Duration	2	53	40
	Digits Eclipsed.	9	32	59

The fourth and last Eclipse will be of the Sun upon the third day of *October*, which will be but a smal Eclipse, and will be visible only in the remotest Southern parts of the earth unknown to us, in *Magellanica*, &c. So that I hold it very improper, if not impertinent, to discourse any further of at this time, or in this place.

A word or two in defence of Eclipses proving them to have effect.

Many persons disaffected to Astrology, and that

learned also, do deny Eclipses to signifie ought unto mankind, and are pleased to argue against them thus:

Maj. The Sun and Moon are more and longer obscured in the Night then in any Eclipse whatever.

Min. but their constant nightly obscurations cause no great effects in this earthly Globe to happen.

Conc. Ergo, Eclipses of the Luminaryes work no such wonderful effects, or are attended with such strange accidents as Astrologers suppose and talk of.

Resp. To which argument I might justly take several exceptions; but letting that alone, I must tell you, that allowing it a good argument) it is of no such weight as the enemies to astrology imagine, and were it not answered over and over again by astrologers, and particularly by Mr. *John Gadbury* in his *Vaxfolii*, p. 15 & 16. I might hereunto respond by distinguishing of the Major Propolition. For whoever shall consider that the Universe is upheld and maintain'd by the magnanimity of each part of it, as they relate one to another, will easily conceive and believe, that the shadow, in its kind, is as natural, as is the Sun, to the preservation of all things that this Earthly Globe produceth. Besides, Holy writ evinceth it to be true, that the Evening and Morning are parts or members of the day, and the day is not perfect, therefore without the necessary shadow of the night. But there is no one, I mean that is *compos mentis*) that will offer to argue, that the month, or year, or any other larger proportion of time, are imperfect without eclipse happening in any of them. *Ergo*, Eclipses must be deemed prodigious, as all Astrologers truly urge, and consequently of greater effect then the necessary darkness of the night.

Again, if Eclipses were insignificant and ineffectuous, wherfore are there such prodigies at any time seen, to amuse and amaze the understanding not only of the ignorant, but also of the learned sort of persons in the

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world! Nature surely is not growe so old, as to be though mistaken in her intentions, nor can she be presumed to be at oddes with her self, as we in this latter age frequently deem her, and certainly she is much dishonoured and disparadged, when she is thought so ill imploy'd, that she should have leisure to wash the *Blackamoor*, and take delight to bring forth things idle and impertinent, as she must needs do, if she busie her self about things insignificant as our Antagonists would have Eclipses of the Luminaryes to be.

Lastly, if Eclipses are insignificant, and of no effect towards mankind, how comes it to pass that they have been dreaded by the wisest and Learnedst men in all Ages, of which truth, History maketh ample and large mention. Were all the men of elder times a sleep, or else rocked so fast in the Cradle of self opinion, or so besotted to superstition, that they contented themselves with a bare belief, that Eclipses had effects attending them but their lazines would never permit them to inquire how, to fancy so, is to presume to throw dust in the face of Antiquity, which we would be unwilling should be taken up again by Posterity, and cast backwards in our generation terrible sights both by Sea, and Land, or bespeaking Summers, great plagues, fires, &c. As the effects of Eclipses, would be too large a discourse to enter on in this place. Let it suffice, that each particular person, (though never so much prejudiced to Astrology) may experience the effects of Eclipses falling in any of the Hylegiacal points of his Nativity, if he please but to observe them. Nevertheless, I do assure him he shall feel them, whether he will observe them or not. But I forbear, referring my Reader to the before mentioned discourse, entituled *Vox Solis*, and shall conclud my theam of Eclipses with these Anisus Poetical Observations, &c.

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The great conjunctions of great Stars
ECLIPSE of Sun or Moon,
Do threaten Famine, Death and Wars
if we repent not soon,
Now God above, and Wrath above
and Heaven above relents,
And men beneath, and sin beneath
and Earth beneath repents.

Of this discourse of Eclipses, for further satisfaction let the Reader perule (together with the book before noted) *Peucer, Gulfius, Proclus Junctine*, &c. Who treat amply of this subject.

Some necessary observations on each month in the Year.

January.

In matters relating to Husbandry, you may now set all kind of common fruit trees, and Plants, as pears, Plumbs, Filberts, Walnuts, &c. As also the Hawthorn and all sorts of quicksets or plants, but this is best done from the change of the Moon to her first quarter. You may also now take away moss, and superfluous branches from young trees, and likewise set Beans, peasse, parsnips, Leeks, radishes, garlick, turnips, Onyons, &c. if the weather prove mild.

The learned Knight Sir *Christopher Heydon* in his most learned defence of Astrology, saith, that he hath experienced it, that peasse set or sown in the new Moon or in the increase, never leave blooming. There is more philosophy and Astrology to be found in husbandry then we are aware of, and men ought not to slight the dirty hand, or ragged vest, but consider what soul or brain is annexed thereunto, or lodged under it.

February.

Enemies to your health in this month, are all kind of Fish, milk and rice, and all other diet that doth opilate and stop the Liver and the Veins, or any way thicken the blood. Is it because the Sun is in the celestial fishes, that fish to us on earth is found obnoxious? It is so: For Heaven and Earth are the Lutes which answer each other by a sinpathetical sound. And poor mortals should not presume to feast on that dish, that the Sun hath his hand in, at the same time especially. Besides what if it be a time now that those pritty inhabitants of the Sea and Rivers are a spawning? it is necessary to disturb nature in its course, if it should be presumed wholesome food, and lawful too, to eat thereof then? surely not.

March.

In this month the humours of mans body begin to increase, and now gross feeding breedeth gross blood and humours, eat that which is quick and easie of digestion, and such meat that breeds good juice, drink moderately not over freely least you inflame the blood and make it at this time boyl too fast, it being apt now naturally to boyl too much.

You may yet graft and plant, and set and sow such things as were mentioned before, prune Vines, quicksets, Goosrees, Knots Willows, &c. And sow Oats, Pease, Onyon, Parsnips.

April.

Now are the pores of the body opened, and men may very happily take physick, chiefly that which is preventative, and those that shall refuse to do so at this time, I shall commit to the counsell of Nature, if so be she will prove so kind as hereafter to afford them any benefit. For of all times of the year, this is the best to remove the cause of any diseases, or for to meet a speedy remedy in extremityes, for now nature doth

renew

fenew strength and vigor through each part of the body. Therefore where any sickness happeneth (I mean such as is curable) he soon unburtheneth by the means of Physick, wherefore what cannot be done now in order to the preservation of health, will scarcely ever be done hereafter, take time therefore while time is, for, according to the Adage. *Post est occasio Calvo.*

If once you forfeit time, look to't
No more you'l reach her nimble foot.

May.

Rise early in this month of *May*, the Sun at this time loves no sluggards; and let such as be in health and able, walk forth into the fields, and eat & drink early but with moderation, for it is now very good and wholesome, but be sure to abstain from all meats that be of a hot nature.

It is likewise a good time for the sick to bleed in, having regard to the Moon, or else to take Physick, but to the healthy person exercise is the onlyest medicine.

This is a very good month to sow Bazil, majoram, and such fine seeds as before might not be sown because of the coldness of the weather set hyssop, sage and all other such like herbs.

June.

If in this month there be a necessity of physick let it be early in the morning, that it may have done working before the heat of the day come on, and use a light and gentle diet for the stomach is not able to work digestion now at the same rate It did in the winter or in some former months. you may now drink clarified whey boyled with herbs and shun women, and violent exercise

Distilling of roses and making of surrups and conserves now employs all ingenious persons that have leisure. Now you may gather such herbs as you intend

intend to keep all the year, but be ſure you dry them in the ſhade before you lay them up for your winter uſe. One ſort of good husbands are buſied in weeding their Corn and Gardens, and others are employed in ſheep ſhearing; the time ſerves to ſet roſemary and Gilliflowers. Tis good to ſet ſaffron now and alſo if the weather ſerve for your purpoſe to make Hay: 'tis likewiſe convenient to rid your Gardens of ſnails, Ants, and Piſmires, and other offenſive vermins.

In July.

It is very good now to uſe cold herbs by way of ſallets to your meat &c. Abſtain from all kind of ſick, and know that now the rivers are much more wholſome then the baths to waſh in. walk not in the Evenings; before ſun be ſet, chiefly in any ſickly time, as when the *Plague* or *Peſtilence* is raging keep the windows of your Chambers ſhut cloſe opening them only when the Sun hath force of ſhining and be ſure to perfume your chambers every morning with pitch, roſzin or Frankincenſe upon a chaffing diſh of coals, then the which nothing is better and uſe Cardus Benedictus boyl'd and drink faſting.

August.

A moderate dyet in this month is the beſt phyſick for now men are moſt apt to ſurfeit, and it is moſt dangerous ſo to do, you muſt be ſure to take heed of heat and colds, as alſo immoderate *Venus*, for nothing in the world does now ſo ſoon ingender pluriſies, ſleep not over much cheifly in the afternoons, for the better avoiding opilations, extream Head-achs, and Catharrs.

At this time alſo Lady *Ceres* expects to have waiting men and women good ſtore to attend her. Thoſe that would have large quantityes of ſeed (and thoſe good) for their Gardens next year, muſt gather ſome of your own now, leſt in buying they are cheated, for

to loose their expectation and their mony too. You may now sow Lettice or other Winter herbs, in the moons increase.

September.

In the month of *September* it beginning now to be fall of the Leaf, persons requiting it may very safely take physick as they could in the Spring season, they may also very fitly bath and bleed, all things injoying now their proper Natures, such Fruits as are ripe and not infected or putrified, are good for such people that have good and vigorous stomachs, and can well digest their meals.

It is a very good time to make conserves of Barberries and quinces, *Mar Malade*, and other pritty rarities which the most commendable sort of the Nobility and Gentry of the Female sex, are wont to employ themselves about, for the furnishing their closets.

The sober Farmer begins to glory in the goodness of his new grain, and is threshing it out a pace.

October.

Now in this month, men may safely take physick and also use bathing for your healths sake. You should also accustome your self to hot meats and drinks, and sometimes drink a glass of good wholesome Wine, which at this time doth nourish and breed good blood and makes the spirits active and vigorous, but you must be very careful that you do not take cold, least you run the danger of meeting with that malitious and tyrannous disease called the quartan Ague, or other such like pernitious and malefique distempers.

November.

In this month you should begin to leave off the courses of physick, which either you have taken or else do mean to enter into, and give nature a little rest from

such encounters until towards *March*, unless some great necessity should urge and constrain you to it.

Take good and nourishing meats and drinks, and make use of wholesome Wine, or other liquors that may revive the spirits, and give the blood a proper fermentation, be provided, if you can, of good and warm cloathing, and be sure to keep dry in your feet, or otherwise you will be certain to be troubled with unwholsome rheums and colds, whence many other inconveniencies and prejudices to health will arise. You must also beware how you frequent hot-houses this month.

December.

In *December* it is requisite to keep your body, and head both, from cold, and eat such meats as be of a hot and nourishing nature and quality, abstain by all means from Physick in this month, and [thy kitchen be thy Apothecaries shop: good ayr, and warm cloathing thy nurse: merry company, and a glass of Wine immediately taken, thy keepers: and let good Hospitality and charity, and doing of good to others as thou wouldst be done unto by others, thy exercise.

Now may the industrious Husbandman remove young trees and bushes, but he must do it in the wane of the Moon, and see that the weather prove not too extream cold and unseasonable. He may also set beans and peas at the same time, and those herbs that cannot endure the cold, they may cover with straw to keep them from frost and snow.

Make use of these short Rules, heed them seriously, and apply them soberly; and so [by Gods blessing] shalt thou prove, not only thine own Astrologer, but physician, counsellor and Gardiner.

Soli sapienti deo sola Gloria.

Of

Of the Significations of the seven Planets as they respect the various Dispositions and inclinations of men and women as they happen to be born under them.

In my last years Almanack I gave you the several descriptions of the Signs and Planets, and here I shall present you the significations of the planets as they happen to be well or ill dignified in a Nativity, so that as there I gave you the description of the person, here I shall give you the Character of the mind that each Planet (under God) imprints on mankind at their first entrance into the World.

1. Of Saturn.

The Planet Saturn if well dignified, represents a grave serious and sober person, one that performs all his affairs and business with judgement and discretion, one of a sharp fancy, a strong imagination, of a studious thoughtfull soul and mind, a brain infinitely solitious.

But if he be ill dignified, then is the Native malitious, envious, covetous, jealous, timorous, hippocritical, a great lying, repining, dissembling fellow, and of a mistrustful fearfull, sluggish and suspicious disposition.

Saturn is well dignified, when in Libra, Capricorn, or Aquarius: angular, and aspected of the fortunate stars, viz. Jupiter or Venus. Ill dignified, when in Aries, Cancer, &c. ill aspect of Mars, or combust of the Sun.

2. Of Jupiter.

When the Planet Jupiter is well dignified, the person born under him is magnanimous generous and faithfull, aiming at honourable and lofty matters, he is wondeous fair in his dealing, and desirous to advantage and benefit others: he is of an excellent conversation, doing many acts of charity, a very faithful serious constant and untainted friend, he is just noble and prudent, and a perfect hater of all unworthy sordid persons and actions.

But when he is ill disposed, then is the Native a meer prodigal or spendthrift, he masts and consumes his patrimony a hippocrite in matters of faith and religion, an ignorant careless fellow, and of a gross dull capacity, a cringing, dissembling companion, a sceptique or atheist.

Jupiter is well dignified when in Cancer, sagitary, pisces, angular, in good aspect of the sun, venus, mercury, &c. Ill dignified when in gemini, virgo, capricorn, cadent, combust, or any way afflicted of saturn or mars.

3. Of Mars.

If the planet Mars be well dignified, then is the native of a prudent behaviour in every thing in war none excells him, he is confident, bold, and unmoveable, challenges all honor to himself, he will obey no body willingly, a large reporter of his own acts, he slights derides and contemns all things in comparison of victory, yet is he one of an excellent and wary behaviour in all the affairs he attempts.

But if he be ill dignified, then is the native a pratler without either modesty or honesty, a broacher of quarrels; a theif

a perjured or turbulent fellow, a promoter of mischiefe, a rash inhumane head-strong person, a meer incendiary; one that neither fears God, or cares for honouring or reverencing man:

Mars is well dignified when in aries, scorpio, and capricorn, and assisted by the good beams of saturn, Jupiter, sol, or mercury. But ill dignified when in taurus, cancer, or libra; or combust cadent, or in ill aspect of the sun or saturn.

4. Of Sol.

When the Sun in any nativity is well dignified the native is born desirous of rule and soveraignty; yet he is prudent, and of an incomparable judgement one that keeps his promise seriously: he is lofty and high, and will be very industrious to acquire honour and repute, he will shew himself courteous and affable to every one, he will be grave, sunsty and severe, and a perfect hater of sordid men and things.

But if he shall be ill dignified the native will be proud, domineering restlesse and troublesome, neither having gravity in his words or sobriety in his actions a meer vapor, cracking of his pedegree, a spendthrift and a hanger on other mens charityes.

The Sun is well dignified, when he is in aries, or les angular, (excepting the fourth house) and in good aspect of Jupiter, mars. ill dignified when in libra, or aquarius, in ill aspect of saturn, or mars; or in some obscure part of heaven.

5. Of Venus.

When Venus is well dignified, the native is of a merry and cheerful disposition, loving mirth in a good degree

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delighting in pleasure, is cleanly and neat in his apparel, always going very neat and sponce, often intangled in love matters; zealous in affection, nothing mistrustful or suspitious; a right vertuous person, be they either man or woman.

If she be ill dignified, the person or native then born, is given to incestuous courses, to ryoting and lewdness, not regarding his faith, credit or reputation, a waster of fortune a hawaner of taverns, ale-houses, and the company of lewd people. a lazy pratling busie body, atheistical, an immodest shameless creature.

Venus is well dignified when in taurus, libra, or pisces, angular in good aspect of mars, jupiter or mercury. Ill dignified, when in aries, virgo or scorpio, in ill aspect of saturn or mars, combust with cauda draconis, cadent.

6. Of Mercury.

When Mercury is well dignified, the native is of a sharp and subtile fancy he hath a penetrating brain, is curious in the search of occult knowledge; and admirable logician and disputant, very eloquent, apprehensive and witty in any thing, learning almost every thing without a Teacher, he is naturally desirous of travels, and willing to see strange Countrys, hee of an unwearyed fancy, strong immagination: and of many witty inventions.

If ill dignified he Native proves a lyer, a pratling fellow, a boaster, a busie body! an author of many scrifes and conceatives; a pretender to all manner of knowledge, but guilty of no solid learning. If he proves a scholler, his wit will be troublesome, his tongue and pen against every man: he spends much time and money, in seeking after foolish and vain criosities, such as he is never likely to bring to pass; he will prove a pittiful conceited coxcomb, a very ass

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or idiot; a cheating thieving pilfring person.

Mercury is well dignified, when in *Gemini* or *virgo*; angular; in conjunction or sextile of *Venus*; in good aspect of *Saturn* or *Mars*. Ill dignified, if in sagitary or pisces, combust; cadent; in ill aspect of *Saturn* or *Mars*.

7. Of the Moon.

The Moon well dignified, shews the native witty and ingenious, propense to many necessary and delightful studies; he takes pleasure in novelties, is unstedfast and oftentimes sits and shifts habitation, he is timorous and easie frighted; a lover and desirer of peace, a soft tender and well disposed person.

If ill dignified the native then proves a vagabond, or meer idle lazy companion; a drunken sottish fellow delighting to live carelessly and beggarly; one of no spirit, a hater of labor a mutable unsetled wandring and inconstant person.

The *Moon* is well dignified when in taurus or cancer; in good aspect of the good planets, or of the Sun; increasing in Light and motion, in a good part of heaven. Ill dignified when in scorpio or capricorn, in an ill part of heaven combust, or in the combust way, also when she is oppressed by the contrary beams of *Saturn* or *Mars*.

Thus I have [as briefly as might be] given you the exact significations of the seven Planets, as they are either well or ill dignified in any nativity, and also shewn you when they are said to be either well or ill dignified. In my next years book [God permitting] I will acquaint you with the significations of their a-

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spects and configurations with each other in a more ample manner, than here I could have room to do: Wherein I shall appropriate the passions and affections of the mind to their proper planets, and teach you how to apply them. In the mean time I good reader accept my respects in this, and if thou find advantage by these my Labours, give God the Glory and praise.

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